[Shri Mentay Padmanabham]

entry of any religious group or people who want to encroach upon this Babri Masjid site? The Government will have to make it clear to this House. That is my demand.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yashwant Sinha. One minute only.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, my suggestion to the Government is that we must permanently sea that area. We must permanently seal that until the dispute is permanently solved. Don't do anything otherwise, it will be a great folly. Seal it.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal: Sir, Government should not dither. It is time for taking firm action if further mischief is to be avoided by these communalists.

RE. BOFORS CASE

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): While associating myself with my friends, Mr. Dipen Ghosh, Mr. Jaipal Reddy and Mr. Yashwant Sinha I would like to draw the attention of the House, through you, Sir, to an important matter. The highest court of justice of this land has given a very commendable judgement clearing the decks and hurdles in the investigation of the Bofors case. The hurdles put up by the vested interests in the investigation of the Bofors case have been now thrown off. The judgement clearly states that the registration of FIR in the Bofors case and the subsecuent letters rogatory issued are valid. Therefore, the people, the criminal offenders who pocketed and swallowed the people's money and deposited it in the Swiss banks should be exposed to the public. In their judgement the Judges have also given a very good encomium for the honest officers of the CBI, for those officers who had to vacate their office due to some pressude from some political party. May I request the Government through you, Sir, that those officers who have left their posts should be recalled for expediting the investigation on Bofors? Therefore, I urge upon the Government to expedite the investigation on Bofors so that the names of the real culprits who have swallowed the people's money could be disclosed and the entire matter could come to light.

RE. JUDGEMENT OF SUPREME COURT ON MANDAL ISSUE

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I want to make an important point. In Lok Sabha the Government has agreed to make a statement regarding the promotions for SC|ST people. I want the Government to make a statement in Rajya Sabha also so that the position may be clarified. What is the decision of the Supreme Court? It should be explained so that the State Governments do not misinterpret it.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, yesterday itself you were good enough to permit me to raise the issue relating to the Supreme Court judgment on the Mandal issue. Sir, I understand, the Government of India has agreed to make a statement in Lok Sabha today. I do not see any reason why the Government should not make a similar statement in this House. This is number one.

Number two in this. This judgement of the Supreme Court relates only to economically and socially backward classes. In the notification issued by the Government of India, headed by Mr. V. P. Singh, on 13th of August, 1990 there was no reference to reservations in promotions because that was a question relating to backward classes. The Judgement also does not refer to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. If this judgment makes some remarks in regard to Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes, they were in the nature of *obiter dicta*. I understand many State Governments have already stopped observing the principle of promotions in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, which in my view is unjust and illegal. I, therefore, want the Government of India to come forward with a statement today itself as it is doing in the Lok Sabha. Will the Minister of State for Parliamenary Affairs respond to this? (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, if a statement is going to be made in the Lok Sabha, I will try to persuade the Minister to make it possible to come to this House also. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Gurudas Das Gupta.

RE. STRIKE OF PILOTS

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): I would like to say just for one minute, Sir. The point is this: A persistent demand has been made in this House that the Government should take immediate steps to end the strike of the pilots. Today I have the information coming from Delhi and Calcutta that there was a meeting of the pilots and the pilots had decided that if the Government only withdrew the suspension orders and also took steps to investigate into the situation, they would withdraw the strike. This is a positive development. ... (*Interruptions*).. It should be taken up immediately and the Government should take steps to end the strike.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार): मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूं। अगर आप एक ही मेंबर को सारी बातें उठाने की इजाजत देंगे तो दूसरे सदस्यों का क्या होगा? श्री त्रिवेदी जी कल भी यह मामला उठाना चाहते थे, इसलिये आज इनको मौका मिलना चाहिये था। मैं यह नहीं मानता हूं कि एक ही सदस्य को मौका दिया जाये।

... (**व्यवधान**) ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please (*Interruptions*)..

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: ऐसी बात नहीं होनी चाहिये। ... (**व्यवधान**) ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please listen. If every Member has to raise his views, then the House will not function. (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: केवल एक ही सदस्य को मौका नहीं दिया जाना चाहिये।

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want the House to carry on its business every Member cannot raise an issue during the Zero Hour. I want to put it to the House: Do you want to go on to the business of the House or not? That is the question.

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: We are ready to go on to the business.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please cooperate. Many issues have been raised already. Every Member cannot be allowed to raise an issue if you want the Appropriation Bill and the Constitution (Amendment) Bills are to go on. I will now call Shri Shantaram Potdukhe to move the motion for consideration of the Appropriation (No. 5) Bill, 1992.

THE APPROPRIATION (NO. 5) BILL, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Sir, I beg to move: